

Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Final Minutes for Meeting on April 23, 2009

Topic	Draft Minutes
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Members present: Drs. Bishop, Carter, Chamblin, DeAndrea, Firestone, Friedman, Harmon, Krengel, Lang, Ploss, Waring, Yorioka.</p> <p>Members absent: Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>L&I Staff present: Janet Blume, Dr. Franklin, Dr. Glass, Carole Horrell, Simone Javaher, Jami Lifka, Jaymie Mai, LaVonda McCandless, Jason McGill, Josh Morse, Dr. Stockbridge</p> <p>Members of the Public present: William Jay Ericson, MD; Eric Wall MD, Qualis Health; Bill Alkire, Alkire & Associates; Bea Scott and Debi Blaskovich, Orthofix; Regine Neiders, United Back Care; Bill Struyk, J&J</p> <p>Welcome to our newest IIMAC member, Dr. Waring from Walla Walla</p>
Review and approve minutes from 1/22/09 IIMAC meeting	ACTION TAKEN: Minutes were approved.
Report from Upper Extremity Entrapment Neuropathy (UPEX) Subcommittee; PMNE guideline	<p>Dr. Chamblin presented slides summarizing the work completed by the subcommittee. Public comments were invited. Dr. William Jay Ericson was the sole commenter. He gave his oral comments and showed a video of his patients after surgery. After 35 minutes of comments, questions and discussion, the committee Chair called for consensus.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: IIMAC members made the advisory recommendation by consensus to approve the Proximal Median Nerve Entrapment guideline as written.</p>
Cauda Equina Guideline Review and Recommendation Dr. Robert Lang	<p>Dr. Lang presented the final draft guideline for Cauda Equina Syndrome. Suggestions were made for changes, which will be made. Public comments were invited. No public comment was given. The committee Chair called for consensus.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: IIMAC members made the advisory recommendation by consensus to approve the Cauda Equina guideline with the recommended changes.</p>
Opioid Update Dr. Gary Franklin	Dr. Franklin presented detailed information about the national and state efforts to address the increases in unintentional deaths due to prescription opioids.
Chronic Pain Subcommittee	<p>Forming a subcommittee for chronic pain management was proposed. The proposed work includes reviewing L&I's two current treatment guidelines for controlled substances and opioid use to determine a) if L&I's guidelines can be consolidated and b) what should be retained, deleted, and changed. It was agreed the subcommittee would also participate in the upcoming review of the agency medical directors' interagency opioid dosing guideline that is scheduled for July and determine if and how that Guideline could be integrated in making revisions to L&I's two guidelines. Discussions and organizational efforts will occur over the Summer and Fall with subsequent meeting dates to be decided, probably at the October meeting.</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: The subcommittee for chronic pain management was formed. Members include Drs. Carter, Chamblin, Friedman, Sullivan, and Yorioka. Dr. DeAndrea volunteered to be available if issues related to sleep disorders arise. Dr. Friedman was elected Chair of the subcommittee. The subcommittee will participate in the advisory meetings beginning July, 2009, to review the interim evaluation of the WA State Opioid dosing guideline.</p>
IIMAC member vacancy	Discussed the need to replace Dr. Patz on the IIMAC. It was recommended to ask Dr. David Tauben if he would like to join the IIMAC for the remainder of Dr. Patz' term. Dr. Carter will contact him.
Policy Updates and Reports	Psychiatric ARNPs: Presented summary of proposed rule changes now underway to allow psychiatric ARNPs to treat injured workers. This includes psychotherapy and medication prescriptions. There is a shortage of psych providers in Washington and this will help increase access to care. Recommendations were made for further stakeholdering. A copy of the draft rule will be sent to committee members. The target date for implementation is July 17 th .

	<p>SIMP Progress Report: The policy and fee schedule for a Structured Intensive Multidisciplinary Program for the management of chronic pain is nearing completion. We have met with providers and have discussed their needs. A final policy should be ready by mid-May and a new WAC to support the policy is being drafted.. Further information will be available on the IIMAC website in the coming weeks.</p> <p>FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION (next meeting):</p> <p>For final review and decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantitative Sensory Testing Coverage Policy 2. Possibly cubital tunnel syndrome guideline 3. Update on replacement for Dr. Patz <p>Next meeting for IIMAC is on July 23, 2009.</p>
Meeting Handouts	<p>Meeting agenda Draft minutes from 1-22-09 IIMAC meeting Bio-sketch and CV for G. Robert Waring Slides showing upper extremity entrapment subcommittee work on PMNE guideline PMNE final draft guideline PMNE Evidence summary table PMNE Public comments and responses Slides showing work done on CES guideline CES final draft guideline L&I guideline for outpatient prescription of controlled substances L&I guideline for outpatient prescription of oral opioids for injured workers Interagency Guideline on Opioid Dosing for Chronic No cancer Pain Slides on rule changes for psychiatric ARNPs</p>